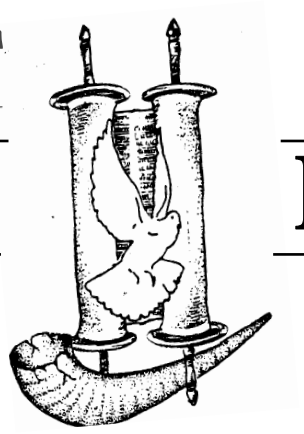
GELOOF FAITH

In Die Woord In The Word



Geloof is uit die gehoor en die gehoor is deur die Woord van God Rom. 10:17

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17

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AANVAAR IN DIE GELIEFDE

Pst D.A. GERICKE

Dit is altyd vir my 'n voorreg om deel te neem aan die Nagmaaltafel of soos ons dit graag genoem het "The Table of Fellowship" (1 Kor 11:23). Dr James van Zyl het 'n werklike lewensveranderende visie gehad terwyl hy voor 'n diens gebid het (dit was die opening van die Stanger Christelike Sentrum gebou). Terwyl hy in die voorste ry gesit het, het hy die Here gevra: "waar is die krag in die Kerk?" Hy het 'n sterk begeerte gehad om te sien hoe God op 'n werklike en betekenisvolle manier in die lewens van mense beweeg, nie meegevoer word deur emosie van die oomblik of vasgevang in die nuutste neiging nie, hy wou sien dat mense bevry word van die slawerny van sonde, vrees en siekte. Hy wou hê dat mense wat honderde kilometers van die beskawing af woon en dié wat op plase woon, 'n blywende ontmoeting met die Here sou hê. Dit is een van die redes waarom hy en sy vrou Meg deur die lengte en breedte van Suid-Afrika gereis het. Dit is ook die rede waarom hy 'n literatuurbediening begin het sodat God se woord elke uithoek van die land en verder sou bereik!
Terwyl Dr James daar sit en bid en homself voorberei vir die diens, kyk hy op en sien die pragtig gedekte tafel (nagmaaltafel) wat Meg vir die nagmaal gedek het. In dr James se woorde: "Ek het die Here met my hoor praat, daar is my krag!" Dit het sy hart so geroer dat hy van daardie dag af elke boodskap, boek, artikel wat hy geskryf of oor gepraat het, hy in die Geliefde in twee hoofskrifte Jes 53 en 1 Kor 11:23 sou verklaar.

Dr James se gunsteling gesegde was: "Die bewys van die poeding is die eet daarvan." Ons het hom soms oor hierdie gesegde geterg, maar hy was 'n baie praktiese man en hy wou almal uitdaag om met begrip en doelgerigtheid van hart, brood te breek en die wyn te drink en om te verstaan dat dit nie 'n godsdiensoefening is nie, maar Gemeenskap met die Here soos jy daardie dag wat die wêreld verander het, in herinnering bring!
Ons bring in herinnering dat Jesus verraai is, Sy liggaam geskeur is deur 'n sweep, geslaan en geskop, baard uitgepluk, doringkroon op Sy kop geplaas en toe aan 'n kruis vasgespyker is. Waarom ... sodat ons sondes, ons ongeregtighede, ons smarte en ons siektes op Hom gelê is!! Die vlekkelose Lam van God wat die sondes van die wêreld wegneem!
Toe neem Jesus die beker van Verlossing, die derde beker by Pasga, en sê: "Hierdie beker is die nuwe verbond in My bloed!" Sy bloed het toe die sondes weggewas en die pad oopgemaak wat

na die Troonkamer lei, 'n nuwe en lewende weg vir beide Jood en nie-Jood om kinders van die Koning van die Konings en Here van die Here te wees!! Halleluja.
As 'n mediese praktisyn en distriksgeneesheer het dr James maar te goed geweet watter pyn en lyding Christus deurgemaak het sodat ons gered kan word. Dit het diep in sy hart ingebrand, soos Paulus, het dr James altyd gesê "Ek verkondig Christus en Hom as gekruisigde" (1 Kor 1.23). Met dit alles in gedagte, het Dr James die boek "Die Nagmaal en Genesing" geskryf.
Terwyl ek dit alles onthou ter voorbereiding van die nagmaal by ons Kerk, lees ek **Ef. 1:6-8: "tot lof van die heerlikheid van sy genade, waardeur Hy ons in die Geliefde aangeneem het. In Hom het ons die verlossing deur sy bloed, die vergewing van sondes, na die rykdom van sy genade wat Hy oorvloedig aan ons gemaak het in alle wysheid en verstand".**
God deur Sy genade, maak ons aanvaarbaar in Christus. Dus as gevolg van God se genade in Christus, word ons deur Hom aangeneem, so dit is niks wat ons gedoen het of kon doen wat ons gered het nie, dit is omdat en slegs vanweë sy genade dat ons in God se koninkryk aanvaar word.
Vers 7. **Hy het ons verlos**. Om te verlos beteken "om te koop en vry te maak deur 'n prys te betaal." In die Romeinse Ryk is die slawe soos meubelstukke gekoop en verkoop. Maar 'n man kon 'n slaaf koop en vrymaak, en dit is presies wat Jesus vir ons gedoen het. Die prys was Sy eie Liggaam en Bloed. Dit beteken dat ons vry is van slawerny van sonde, sowel as vry van die mag van Satan en hierdie wêreld!
Vers 7 gaan voort om te sê **"Hy het ons vergewe"**. Die woord vergewe beteken "om weg te dra". Op die versoendag (Lev.16) sou die hoëpriester eers een van die twee bokke doodmaak en sy bloed voor God op die versoendeksel sprinkel, daarna sou hy Israel se sondes oor die lewende bok bely en 'n skarlakenrooi tou om sy horings bind. Daarna is die bok na die woestyn geneem om verlore te gaan, dit is die sondebok genoem. Christus het gesterf om ons sondes weg te dra sodat hulle nooit weer gesien sou word nie. **"So ver as die ooste van die weste af is, so ver verwyder Hy ons oortredinge van ons" (Ps. 103:12).**

"Die volgende dag sien Johannes Jesus na hom toe kom en sê Kyk! Die Lam van God wat die sonde van die wêreld wegneem! (Joh.1:29). Geen geskrewe beskuldiging staan teen ons nie, want ons sondes is weggeneem!
"Daar is dan nou geen veroordeling vir die wat in Christus Jesus is nie, vir die wat nie na die vlees wandel nie, maar na die Gees. Want die wet van die Gees van die lewe in Christus Jesus het my vrygemaak van die wet van sonde en dood" (Rom. 8:1-2). Dit behoort ons elke oggend uit die bed te laat opspring en met entoesiasme uit te roep: **"Dit is die dag wat die Here gemaak het; laat ons daaroor juig en bly wees" (Ps 118:24).**

Baie groot dankie

Ons bly verstom en ewig dankbaar vir wat ons Hemelse Vader in ons midde doen. Hy is meer as genoeg en onderhou Sy werk soos ons onsself beskikbaar stel.

Dankie aan elkeen van julle vir julle donasies, dit is 'n seën vir so baie. Mag julle op elke gebied oorvloedig geseën word.

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En toe dit aand was op daardie eerste dag van die week en die deure waar die dissipels vergader het uit vrees vir die Jode, gesluit was, het Jesus gekom en in hul midde gestaan en aan hulle gesê: Vrede vir julle! (Joh. 20:19)

In Sy teenwoordigheid is volkome blydskap, terwyl vrees en angs oorweldig word deur Sy vrede. Soos ons 'n nuwe jaar binne gaan mag ons almal stil raak en Hom daagliks, in daardie plek, soek. Wanneer ons harte en denke stil raak en ons oë gerig is op die Een wat ons kamer met uitgestrekte arms binnekom, mag ons daardie vertroostende woorde hoor: "*Vrede vir julle". Hy het vir ons in* ***Joh. 14: 27*** *gesê:* ***"Vrede laat Ek vir julle na, my vrede gee Ek aan julle; nie soos die wêreld gee, gee Ek aan julle nie. Laat julle hart nie ontsteld word en bang wees nie".***

Mag God julle seën met meer van Homself, asook elke goeie gawe en volmaakte geskenk in die jaar wat voorlê.

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Geliefde,

“Moenie sondig wanneer jy kwaad is”: **Laat die son nie ondergaan oor julle toorn nie; en gee aan die duiwel geen plek nie (Ef. 4:26–27).**

Die rede waarom baie mense geen vreugde of geesdrif het nie, is omdat hulle elke aand bed toe gaan met onvergifnis in hulle hart. Hulle herleef hul seer, dink aan hulle teleurstellings, stres oor iemand wat probeer om hulle sleg te laat lyk, ontsteld omdat iemand onbetroubaar in die kantoor is. Hier is die probleem: As die son met bitterheid ondergaan, sal dit ook met bitterheid opkom. As dit met ‘n wrok ondergaan, sal dit ook weer met ‘n wrok opkom. Dit is wat God se seëninge blokkeer. Dit is wat die vyand ‘n vatkans gee. Elke aand, voordat jy bed toe gaan, behoort jy te sê: “God, ek laat gaan elke negatiewe ding wat vandag met my gebeur het – elke seer, elke bekommernis en elke teleurstelling. Ek vergewe die mense wat my te na gekom het. God, ek gaan bed toe met vrede.” Wanneer jy dit doen, sal die son onder gaan sonder enige ding wat God se seëninge kan blokkeer. Moenie in die aand bed toe gaan met enige soort neerlaag wat nog in jou gedagtes is nie. Laat dit gaan en vertrou God om jou verkeerde dinge reg te maak.

Laat ons saamstem:
“Vader dankie dat ek my hart en denke kan bewaar teen al die negatiewe dinge wat probeer om in te kom. Dankie dat ek elkeen kan vergewe wat my te na gekom het en die seer te laat gaan, die bekommernis en teleurstellings. Ek sal die woede en bitternis keer om in my te kom. In Jesus se Naam, Amen.”

Ons is so dankbaar vir elkeen van julle wat vir ons bediening bid en vir julle liefde en ondersteuning.

Ons bid God se seën en liefde oor julle.

Meg Van Zyl en die Gebedspan



Happy New Year 2024

By Pastor David Gericke

On behalf of Meg and the Stanger Christian Centre team we would like to wish all our Readers a wonderful Spirit-filled year ahead with all the blessings of walking in God's Word, as we watch His prophetic words unfold these days!

I would like to share a scripture with you that I held fast to my heart in this past year, which encouraged me and sustained me many times as I struggled to deal with the constant changes happening in this world… as well as dealing with the normal daily thoughts, attitudes and actions of life!

1 Cor 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love.

Paul gives us 5 final commands. We are to be alert, firm, mature, strong and loving.

Watch simply means "Be alert! Be vigilant!" The enemy is always at hand, he would certainly attack the church and try to hinder its ministry in this world.

1 Pet 5: 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. Notice he is like a roaring lion, he is not a lion there is only one who is "The Lion " Rev 5. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Thank You Lord, the Lamb of God who took away the curse of sin by His own blood, is now "The Lion " and through His death and resurrection we Now walk in victory! " The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:57) even Jesus encourages us to be vigilant, alert and discerning. Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. As Watchmen on the wall we need to not be slumbering… dozing off but awake and alert!

To stand "fast in the faith"encourages us to stand secure, because we have built our lives on the Rock of our faith. Although all may be shaken, our Rock will stand solid and immoveable!

Col 2: 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

This is an important scripture for our lives, the world as we know it is changing, everything is being attacked and broken down… from what we believe about the Messiah to the role of the family, to God made them male and female and everything we hold dear to our hearts. So much deception in academia and in tertiary education, teaching the narrative and not the fact! They call evil good and good evil! This can and will shake us as we endeavour to proclaim the Word of God in this world. Don't lose heart or grow weary from doing good!! Keep your eyes on the finish line and not the waves round about you. As we have read in Col 2: 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

We are thankful for the Blood that cleanses us, we are thankful for the Word that is a light to our paths, we are thankful for our community of faith- people we fellowship with, huddle together with in prayer, we are thankful for our families, spouses, children… the list could go on and on!! An attitude of thanksgiving is very important to the Believer's heart and mind, it produces Peace!

Paul goes onto say 1 Cor 16:13 … be brave, be strong… This reminds me of the story of the Israelites coming to the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Moses, their former leader and mediator for forty years, had died and had handed the baton over to Joshua, who was one of two spies that had originally said that they could defeat the giants and enter the Promised Land! It was easy for him to say this! Firstly because he really did have faith in God's ability to help them fight and secondly he was just a commander of the army. If they failed, Moses would take the full backlash! Now forty years later, Joshua stood in exactly the same place looking over the Jordan River at the city of Jericho. The giants were still there, the walls were still huge and thick and to add to the difficulty the Jordan River was in flood! What an awesome responsibility for Joshua to undertake! God knew this… "I know what you have need of before you even ask". God makes this declaration to Joshua. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."(Josh 1: 9). I can't help but think that Paul had this story and declaration in mind when he encouraged the Corinthi-

ans to “be brave, be strong”. Joshua was going into a pagan idol worshiping land, he was going on God’s word and these were a very hostile people, who wanted nothing to do with these Israelites and their God! Sound familiar? just like what is happening in Israel, the Church and to God’s Word today…. a strong spiritual onslaught! I would like to add something more here, the Lord said to Joshua in chapter 1 verse 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. I believe this is still true today, but instead of physical ground I would suggest a mental ground, because the mind (way we think) has a huge impact on the way we behave and this needs to be brought under control. “Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”. (2 Cor 10:5; Rom 12:2) It doesn’t matter how broken or beat up you are, you can and should fight the good fight of faith, standing on God’s Word, taking control of what we think! We all need to think Biblically, act and talk the way the Bible says we should! Even addictions and bad habits can and will be broken if we do it God’s way, casting down vain imaginations! And now, dear brethren, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Philip 4:8)

To continue with our opening scripture Paul goes on to say in verse 14 Let all that you do be done with love.

This love is not based upon an emotional feeling but this is a love that comes from the heart, motivated by the Spirit of God! It moves you to love back when you want to retaliate in a revengeful way. When you truly love that person, you walk the extra mile with them and you intercede for them in meaningful prayer.

Many years ago when I worked in the Stanger Christian Centre Bookshop there was a muslim man who was traveling around South Africa ridiculing Christians and the Bible. I took it upon myself to order different books exposing the Islamic Religion. The books eventually arrived, and I could not wait to get home and start my studies in order to expose and ridicule this speaker! I picked up the first book, opened it to chapter one and read … “if you are not reading this book with love and compassion in your heart then I suggest you put it down”. I put it down and repented to the Lord for my arrogance and unloving heart. We are to love those who oppose us, ridicule us, say all manner of evil against us and to pray for them to be saved, born-again, renewed by the Blood and regenerated by the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is found in Gal 5: 22… But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! We are told by Paul in Rom 5: 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love. I think this is a sign of maturity in the believer’s life.

Carl Sandburg, when addressing the United States Congress, said that Abraham Lincoln was a man of “velvet steel.” That is a good image for the Christian to borrow, for true discipleship does not exclude tenderness!

We are going into difficult days ahead especially if you are a Believer in the Messiah and His Word! Like many who have gone on before us, our hope must be in God’s Word and in His Messiah! Titus 2: 11 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. 12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. 14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

We are to be alert, firm, mature, strong and loving, this is our challenge for the New Year and this is our prayer for You! I leave you with these encouraging words “So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!” (Luke 21: 28)

